

Alaska Power Administration; Notice of Cancellation, Review, and Comment

AGENCY: Alaska Power Administration, Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Alaska Power Administration (APA) is proposing to adjust the rates for the Eklutna Project. Rates of 18.7 mills per kilowatt-hour for firm energy, 10 mills per kilowatt-hour for non-firm energy and .3 mills per kilowatt-hour for wheeling expire September 30, 1999. Due to a decrease in combined projected overhead and O&M costs, APA proposes to lower the rate for firm and non-firm energy to 8.8 mills per kilowatt-hour beginning September 1, 1996, for a period of up to five years. The rate for wheeling would remain the same. APA will finalize the proposal giving full consideration to comments received. The final proposal may differ from the present. The proposed rates will be submitted to the Deputy Secretary of Energy for interim approval and to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for review and final approval.

DATES: Written comments will be considered through August 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to Mr. Nicki J. French, Alaska Power Administration, 2770 Sherwood Lane, Suite 2B, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James W. Davenport, Public Utilities Specialist, Alaska Power Administration, 2770 Sherwood Lane, Suite 2B, Juneau, AK 99801, (907) 586-7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rates apply for power sold from the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project to three electric utilities serving the Anchorage and Matanuska Valley areas of Alaska. Details of the proposed rates, including supporting studies, will be available for inspection at Alaska Power Administration, 2770 Sherwood Lane, Suite 2B, Juneau, Alaska; and the Eklutna Project Office, Mile 4.0, Old Glenn Highway, Palmer, Alaska.

A public information and comment forum was to be held June 24, 1996, at 6:00 PM. However, due to lack of interest, the forum was canceled, as allowed in 10 CFR 903.15(c) and 10 CFR 903.16(c).

Authorities for the proposed rate action are the Eklutna Project Act of July 31, 1950 (64 Stat. 382, as amended) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91). Alaska Power Administration is developing these rates in accordance with DOE financial reporting policies, procedures and methodology (DOE Policy RA 6120.2 [September 20, 1979]), and the

procedures for public participation in rate adjustments found in 10 CFR Part 903 (1987) as amended. The present rates went into effect in October, 1994. APA has repaid over 82% of the project investment. The proposed rate results in an 53% rate decrease. APA has notified its customers that a new rate would be developed based on decreased overhead costs and elimination of Eklutna O&M costs. APA will continue its rate evaluation based on projected staffing and include the results in the final rate proposal.

Alaska Power Administration Asset Sale and Termination Act was signed by the President on November 28, 1995. As part of the transition to new ownership, APA is entering an O&M agreement with the purchasing utilities. With the new O&M agreement between APA and the purchasing utilities, APA expects the utilities to incur all O&M and replacement costs throughout the term of the agreement. The reduction in costs to APA have been included in the repayment study supporting the proposed rates.

APA will continue formulating and executing transition plans based on the existing purchase agreements and signed legislation for the sale of the Eklutna Project to the Anchorage utilities. This proposed rate action continues present rate policies under existing law.

Environmental Impact

The proposed rate action will have no significant environmental impact within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The proposed action meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion as defined in 40 CFR 1508.4 and is listed as a categorical exclusion for DOE in 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B4.3. An Environmental Assessment and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

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Rodney Adelman,
Administrator.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER96-1818-000]

Alliance Power Marketing, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

June 24, 1996.

Alliance Power Marketing, Inc. (Alliance Power) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Alliance

Power will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Alliance Power also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Alliance Power requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Alliance Power.

On June 17, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Alliance Power should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Alliance Power is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Alliance Power's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is July 17, 1996.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Section 4 Filing

June 24, 1996.

Take notice that on June 19, 1996, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG),